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SUBJ: TES IN CABINDA TO LAY DOWN THEIR ARMS, INSTEAD REBEL AND
ATTACK PORTUGUESE ARMY

1. ACCORDING TO A PRESS ACCOUNT PUBLISHED HERE, DURING THE MORNING OF NOV 10 A GROUP OF 30 TES ("TROPAS ESPECIAS," BLACK PORTUGUESE ARMY COMMANDO-LIKE TROOPS) ARMED WITH RECOILESS RIFLES TOOK UP POSITIONS ON A HILL NEAR THE CABINDAN VILLAGE OF MASSABI ON THE CONGO-BRASSAZILLE BORDER. THE TES TOOK CIVILIAN HOSTAGES, INCLUDING WHITE MERCHANTS. REPORTEDLY THEIR HILLTOP LOCATION LOOKS DOWN ON A PORTUGUESE ARMY FORT BELOW. THE NEWS STORY IS UNCLEAR ON THE EXTENT AND NATURE OF FIGHTING BETWEEN THE TES AND THE ARMY BUT MENTIONS TWO ARMY DEATHS. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS STORY THE ARMY IS ATTEMPTING TO OPEN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE TES.

2. THE TES WERE APPARENTLY PROVOKED TO ACT BY ARMY ORDERS TO TURN IN THEIR ARMS. THE TES ARE CONSIDERED TO BE PRO-FLEC AND MAY BE ATTEMPTING TO OPEN THE BORDER FOR EASIER TRANSPORT OF CONGOLESE WEAPONS DESTINED FOR FLEC.

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